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Docket No.: 50006-135

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tomohiro HOSOKAWA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/026,551

Filed: December 27, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2812

Examiner: Andre C. Stevenson

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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REPLY TO INCORRECTLY ISSUED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants note the Office Action of September 12, 2002 wherein restriction has been required.

As noted to Examiner Stevenson in telephone conferences on September 17 and October 1, 2002, claims 1-11 are pending in the above application. However, the "Detailed Action" on page 2 of the restriction requirement lists Group I (claims 1-5) and Group II (claims 6-10 and 18-20), and continues with "Inventions Group I, Group II and Group III are related as process, apparatus for its practice and device."

Accordingly, the above restriction requirement is incorrect and incomplete. Issuance of a new action, and resetting of the response period, is respectfully requested.

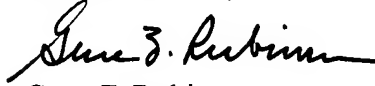
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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